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# ELLERY QUEEN

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*Vengeance From The Grave*  
**THE CORPSE  
THAT KILLED**



*The Legion of The Damned*  
**THE CHAIN LETTER MURDERS**





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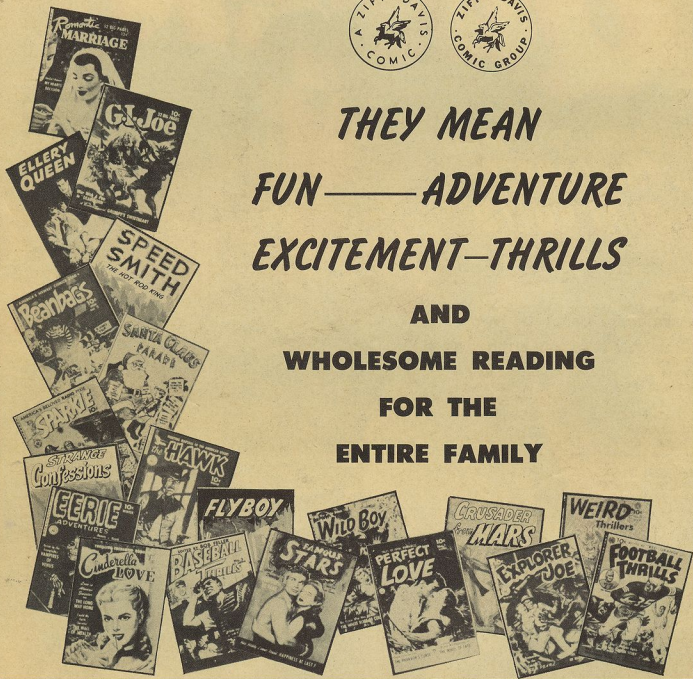


# Look!

**FOR THESE SYMBOLS**



**THEY MEAN**  
**FUN—ADVENTURE**  
**EXCITEMENT—THRILLS**  
**AND**  
**WHOLESOME READING**  
**FOR THE**  
**ENTIRE FAMILY**



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# ELLERY QUEEN *in* The CORPSE THAT KILLED!

ELLERY, IT'S THE GHOST OF NICK CARDONI... STRANGELY THE GANGLER LEADER WHO ORDERED HIM SLAIN!

WHAT CAN WE DO, DAD? BULLETS CAN'T STOP A DEAD MAN!

ELLERY QUEEN, AND HIS FATHER, INSPECTOR QUEEN, HAVE BROUGHT MANY A MURDERER TO JUSTICE, BUT WHAT ARE ELLERY AND THE INSPECTOR TO DO WHEN THE KILLER IS A *GHOST*? HAS ELLERY FINALLY ENCOUNTERED A CRIMINAL WHO IS TRULY BEYOND THE LAW? YOU CAN LEARN THE ANSWER IN THE CHILL-A-SECOND CASE OF...  
"THE CORPSE THAT KILLED!"

LAUGHTER AND GAITY ARE IN ORDER AT THE BIRTHDAY PARTY NICK CARDONI'S MOBSTERS HAVE THROWN FOR THEIR CHIEF...

GO AHEAD! BLOW OUT THE CANDLES, BOSS!

THEN MAKE A WISH!

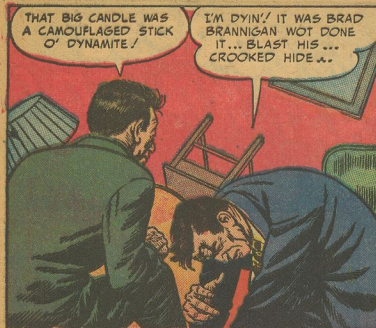
OKAY, YOU GUYS! LEMME THINK OF SOMETHIN' GOOD TO WISH FOR!

HERE'S A GOOD WISH! BRANNIGAN AND HIS WEST SIDE MOB SHOULD DROP DEAD -- AAAAA-AAHGH!

BOOM!







THAT BIG CANDLE WAS  
A CAMOUFLAGED STICK  
O' DYNAMITE!

I'M DYIN'! IT WAS BRAD  
BRANNIGAN WOT DONE  
IT... BLAST HIS...  
CROOKED HIDE...



BUT HE WON'T GIT AWAY  
WITH IT, TH' RAT! I'LL GIT  
EVEN WITH HIM EVEN IF  
I—(GASP) HAFTA COME  
BACK FROM TH' GRAVE!

SOMEBODY  
GIT "DOC"  
TYNDALL  
QUICK!

AS BEFITS A DEPARTED GANGLAND CHIEF, NICK HAS  
AN ORNATE FUNERAL! AND AMONG THE GUESTS...



BRANNIGAN!  
YOU GOT A  
NERVE...COMIN'  
TA NICK'S  
FUNERAL!

IT'S JUST A FRIENDLY CALL...  
TO SHOW MY RESPECT FER  
YER EX-BOSS! IF YOU BOYS  
ARE SMART, YOU'LL JOIN  
MY ORGANIZATION!

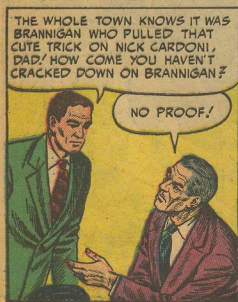


NOTHIN' DOIN'!  
WE WANT NO PART  
OF A MOB WITH  
A CURSE ON IT!

WITH HIS LAST DYIN'  
BREATH, CARDONI SAID  
HE'D GET EVEN WITH YA!

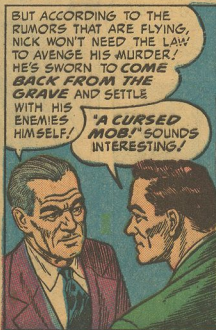
SUPERSTITIOUS  
BUNK!

THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR QUEEN  
AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



THE WHOLE TOWN KNOWS IT WAS  
BRANNIGAN WHO PULLED THAT  
CUTE TRICK ON NICK CARDONI,  
DAD! HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T  
CRACKED DOWN ON BRANNIGAN?

NO PROOF!



BUT ACCORDING TO THE  
RUMORS THAT ARE FLYING,  
NICK WON'T NEED THE LAW  
TO AVENGE HIS MURDER!  
HE'S SWORN TO COME  
BACK FROM THE  
GRAVE AND SETTLE  
WITH HIS  
ENEMIES  
HIMSELF!

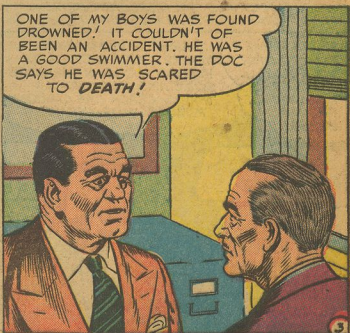
"A CURSED  
MOB!" SOUNDS  
INTERESTING!

MEANWHILE! A LONELY WHARF NEAR  
BRANNIGAN'S HEADQUARTERS!



NO! NO!... IT—IT CAN'T BE!  
K—KEEP AWAY FROM ME,  
CARDONI!







SO YOU'RE POSITIVE  
CARDONI'S GHOST  
HAS COME TO  
WORK ON YOUR  
MOB!

THE BOYS ARE SCARED!  
AN, FRANKLY, SO AM I!  
THEY SAY HE'S GONNA  
WIPE US OUT, ONE BY ONE!



MAY I ASK THE REASON FOR  
CARDONI'S VENOMOUS HATRED  
FOR YOUR MOB... STRONG  
ENOUGH TO BRING  
HIM BACK FROM  
THE GRAVE?

I DUNNO! MAYBE  
HE THINKS I HAD  
A HAND IN HIS  
KILLIN'. BUT IT'S  
NOT TRUE! IF IT WAS  
TRUE, I'D BE IN JAIL,  
RIGHT?



IT'S TOO EARLY FOR US TO ANSWER THAT  
ONE, BRANNIGAN! HOWEVER, AS A CITIZEN,  
LAW-ABIDING OR NOT, YOU HAVE A RIGHT  
TO COME TO THE POLICE FOR  
PROTECTION! EXACTLY WHAT  
DO YOU WANT FROM US?

A POLICE  
GUARD! I GOT  
MY RIGHTS!



ALL RIGHT, BRANNIGAN, YOU'LL GET JUST  
WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR... AND MAYBE  
MORE! BUT HERE'S SOME ADVICE!  
KEEP YOUR NOSE CLEAN, OR  
YOU MAY BE UNDER GUARD...  
FOR KEEPS!



LATER! ELLERY AND THE INSPECTOR DRIVE  
TOWARD BRANNIGAN'S HEADQUARTERS...

ELLERY, THIS IS  
A WIERD ONE!  
THE POLICE...  
PROTECTING  
MOBSTERS...  
FROM A  
GHOST!

I THINK I KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE UP TO, DAD! YOU'RE  
PLAYING ALONG IN THE HOPE  
SOMETHING MAY TURN UP  
THAT'LL CRACK THE CARDONI  
MURDER WIDE OPEN!



BUT AS THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION...

DID YOU  
HEAR THAT,  
ELLERY?

SCREAMS!

AAAAGH!







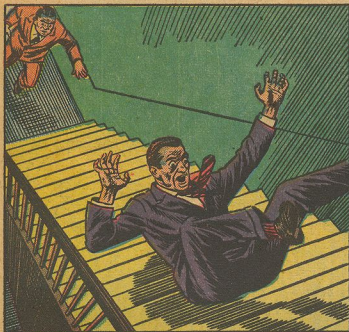
L-LOOK!

THE GHOST  
OF NICK  
CARDONI!

LOOK OUT,  
BENNY! THE  
STAIRS!

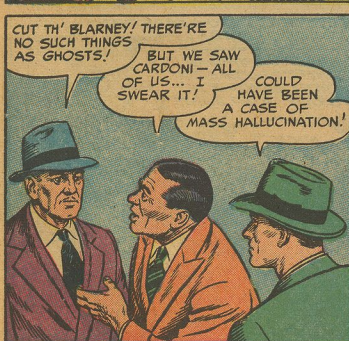


C-CARDONI! KEEP AWAY  
FROM ME, YOU-YOU  
CORPSE! EE-YAAA-AAGH!



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

CARDONI'S GHOST! HE  
GOT BENNY!!



CUT TH' BLARNEY! THERE'RE  
NO SUCH THINGS  
AS GHOSTS!

BUT WE SAW  
CARDONI— ALL  
OF US... I  
SWEAR IT!

COULD  
HAVE BEEN  
A CASE OF  
MASS HALLUCINATION!



I-I CAN'T STAND THIS  
ANY LONGER. I  
GOTTA TALK TO  
CARDONI—MAN-TO-  
GHOST—AN' GET 'IM  
TO LAY OFF!  
WE'LL HOLD A  
SEANCE!

DAD'S NOT SO DUMB!  
IF HE GIVES BRANNIGAN  
ENOUGH ROPE,  
BRANNIGAN WILL  
HANG HIMSELF!

SOUNDS  
BALMY TO ME,  
BUT GO RIGHT  
AHEAD!

PHONE  
CALL FOR  
YOU,  
INSPECTOR  
QUEEN.





ANYTHING  
IMPORTANT,  
DAD?

"DOC" TYNDALL—UNDERWORLD  
SAWBONES—WAS FOUND  
HANGING IN HIS CELLAR, TO-  
GETHER WITH A NOTE ABOUT  
BEING PRESSED BY 'CREDITORS.'  
MAYBE HE KILLED HIMSELF...  
AND MAYBE HE DIDN'T.



MEET **TOMMY THE  
SWAMI**, INSPECTOR!  
TAKE IT FROM ME,  
THIS MUG IS STRICTLY  
ON TH' UP-AN-UP!

YOU  
SPEAK  
TO THE  
DEAD,  
EH?

D-DEAD? PLEASE,  
INSPECTOR! DON'T  
MENTION CORPSES  
TO ME! I'VE A WEAK  
STOMACH!



A SPIRITUALIST...WHO'S  
AFRAID OF SPIRITS!  
WHAT NEXT?

THE ROOM'S LIGHTS FADE!  
THERE IS AN EXPECTANT  
HUSH...

S-SPIRIT OF  
NICK CARDONI... IF  
Y-YOU ARE IN TH' ROOM...  
(GULP)...MAKE YOUR-  
SELF KN-KNOWN...



**RAP! RAP! RA**

EEE-EKK! THE... THE  
SPIRIT OF C-CARDONI...  
IS AMONG US...



ECTOPLASM!

A  
SPOOK!

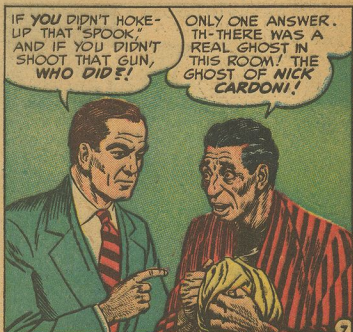
IT CONDENSES INTO A FACE THAT IS A SNARLING  
GRIMACE OF HATE!

BRAD BRANNIGAN... YA  
RAT! I'VE COME BACK  
FROM BEYOND TH'  
GRAVE TA GIT EVEN!

NICK  
CARDONI!









WE SEARCHED EVERYONE, AND EVERYWHERE— BUT WE DIDN'T FIND ANY TRACE OF THE MURDER GUN! SON, I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE WE REALLY ARE UP AGAINST A GHOST!

DON'T LET THE CASE GET YOU DOWN, DAD! I SUGGEST WE CLIMB INTO YOUR CAR AND SIT TIGHT!



SIT TIGHT? POLICE INSPECTOR SITS TIGHT WHILE GHOST GOES ON KILLING RAMPAGE! ELLERY, WHEN THAT STORY HITS THE HEADLINES, IT'LL MEAN MY SCALP!

AND IF BRANNIGAN DOESN'T MOVE INTO ACTION, IT MAY MEAN HIS SCALP! THERE HE GOES INTO HIS CAR, WITH ONE OF HIS HENCHMEN! WE'LL FOLLOW!



THERE'S SOMETHING BRANNIGAN HAS GOT TO FIND OUT FOR SURE! HE'S DRIVING STRAIGHT TO THE CEMETARY WHERE CARDONI WAS BURIED! WANT TO BET, DAD?

YOU'RE RIGHT, ELLERY!



THEY'RE CARRYING SHOVELS INTO THE GRAVE YARD! IS BRANNIGAN TURNING GHOUL?

LET'S FOLLOW AND FIND OUT!



THEY'RE DIGGING UP CARDONI'S COFFIN! I'D BETTER PUT A STOP TO THIS!

NOT YET, DAD! WAIT A BIT LONGER!



JUST AS I THOUGHT! THE COFFIN IS EMPTY! NICK CARDONI *ISN'T* DEAD!

YOU'RE DEAD RIGHT, BRANNIGAN!





(GASP!) CARDONI! B-BUT  
THAT CAKE I HAD FIXED  
UP SPECIAL FER YOU...  
IT WAS SUPPOSED T'  
HAVE KILLED YOU!

IT WAS EASY TA BRIBE "DOC"  
TYNDALL INTO FAKING A DEATH  
REPORT AND STAGING A PHONY  
FUNERAL! THAT'S WHY I HAD  
TO KILL THE "DOC"... HE KNEW  
TOO MUCH!



Y'SEE, I'D BEEN WANTIN' TO QUIT  
TH' RACKET FER A LONG TIME, AN'  
PULL A FADE! BUT I WAS IN PRETTY  
DEEP... MY BOYS NEVER WOULD HAVE  
LET ME PULL OUT WITH TH' BOODLE  
AN' A WHOLE SKIN! YER BOMBING  
GAVE ME MY CHANCE...

THEN - WHY DIDN'T  
YA JUST TAKE YER  
SAVINGS AN'  
BEAT IT?



**REVENGE!** NO ONE TRIES TO BLOW NICK  
TA BITS AN' GITS AWAY WITH IT! I PUT  
SOME PHOSPHORUS ON MY FACE... AN'  
STUCK AROUND TA GIT EVEN WITH  
YER MOB!



YOU WON'T GET  
ME! I'LL ...



TH' SCORE'S EVEN!  
NOW FER A  
**PERMANENT**  
FADE...



DON'T MOVE, CARDONI,  
UNLESS YOU WANT TO  
BECOME A REAL GHOST!

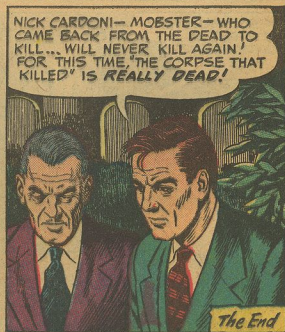
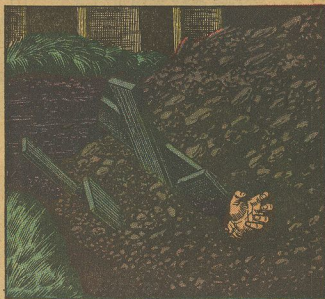
**ELLERY QUEEN!**







...AND HIS SCREAMS ARE MUFFLED BENEATH AN AVALANCHE OF CASCADING SOIL!





# ZACHARY

by DEAN FISHER

LOOK, LOVER, I CAN IMITATE  
A PARROT... AWK! AWK!  
POLLY WANTS A  
CRACKER! AWK!  
AWK!

AW  
SHADDUP!

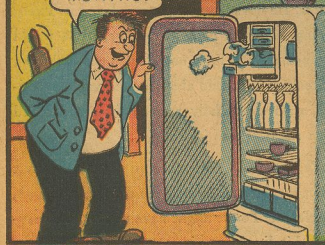


BUZZ BUZZ  
BUZZ AND A BUZZ  
BUZZ

BOY!  
HE SURE IS!  
HA-HA-HO  
AND A HA-  
HA!

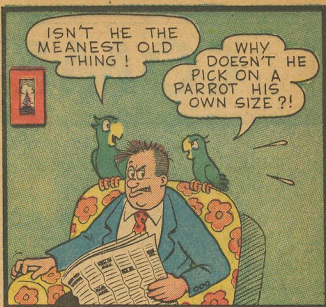


IF YOU'RE **REAL** GOOD  
POLLY BIRDS I'LL LET  
YOU OUT IN A COUPLE  
MONTHS!



ISN'T HE THE  
MEANEST OLD  
THING!

WHY  
DOESN'T HE  
PICK ON A  
PARROT HIS  
OWN SIZE?!



ARE YOU GOING TO  
CUT THAT OUT!

PU-LEEZE!

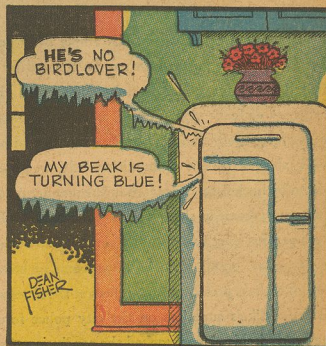
YOU'RE  
CRUSHING MY  
DRUMSTICKS!

YEAH-  
PLEASE!



HE'S NO  
BIRDOLOVER!

MY BEAK IS  
TURNING BLUE!





# COMEDY COP

MIKE MALONE had been a cop, one way and another, for forty years. Thirty years of pounding a beat on the force, ten years as a bank guard at the Second National. In his thirty years of pavement pounding for the city, Mike had never risen above the rank of patrolman. His title of guard at the bank was more of a courtesy title than anything. Although he carried a gun strapped to his imposing middle, Mike's duties were simply to help harassed suburban matrons to the proper teller's window, and to direct loan seekers to the proper vice president. In four decades of what he loved to refer to as "police work" Mike had never heard a shot fired in anger. Needless to say, he had never fired his Police Special at anyone, friend or foe. To be truthful about it, it's just as well, because Mike couldn't hit the broad side of a barn, let alone a member of the criminal classes engaged in a nefarious undertaking.

Mike was a comedy cop. His ample belly and bandy legs were never meant to be encased by a neat blue uniform. His feet, bunioned with the callouses of forty years, moved with a flat, shuffling, yet gingery tread. They were tender and his walk showed it. His ammunition belt, weighted down by his holster, was worn in the manner made famous by comedy sheriffs in Western movies. In summer, his shirt had a way of climbing up out of his trousers, giving him the appearance of being one of the less presentable members of the Russian G.P.U. Mike's superiors on the city police force had early in his career reached the conclusion that

his greatest field of usefulness consisted in guiding school children across the street. At the bank, the most glowing tribute on his personnel record read: "His appearance leaves much to be desired. Reflexes slow. Old ladies seem to like him."

In his private life, Mike had two loves — his grand-daughter, Kitty, and novels of detection. Kitty had one flaw in Mike's mind — she was always trying to improve his appearance. On the other hand, such fictional heroes of the detective industry as Lord Peter Wimsey and Hercule Poirot, had no faults at all. They were sleuths without peer and without reproach. Mike loved their adventures and wished that he could be like them. Alas, as he himself admitted, he lacked the little grey cells.

Kitty's latest assault on Mike had taken the form of an expensive shaving lotion which she had given the old man for his birthday. It was expensive, beautifully packaged, and extremely fragrant. As Kitty loved to say, it was exclusive. And Mike loved it. He never used it, he just loved it. Every morning, after his bath and shave, Mike would take the beautiful little bottle from the bathroom shelf, sniff it with wild abandon and vast appreciation, then sorrowfully replace the stopper and return the bottle to its shelf.

"It's beautiful," he'd murmur, regretfully, "but it's not for the likes of me." He did think, though, that Hercule Poirot might have used it, and having used it, lived up to it.



This particular day at the bank had passed quietly. It was just a few minutes of three when Mike smelled something utterly delicious in the air. It was his favorite shaving lotion. He was turning his head to see whatever man of distinction used this heavenly scent when the roof fell on his skull and the lights went out.



When Mike came to, he was on a couch in the President's office with a compress on his head. The room was full of the bank's officers, policemen and newspapermen. From the jumble of questions shot at him, and the general tone of the conversation, Mike gathered that a swift-moving, professional gang of bank robbers had entered the bank at closing time, held it up, and escaped with over \$100,000 in cash. The men wore plain, nondescript clothes, and kept handkerchiefs pressed on their faces and their hats pulled low. Nobody could make any identification. The rogues' gallery photographs of known bank robbers were useless. No one had really seen the men.



His head clearing, Mike rose unsteadily to his feet.

"The one that socked me," he said. "He used *Feather Heather!*"

The room was convulsed with laughter. Good old Mike, the Comedy Cop! But the general opinion was that this was no time for comedy.

"He used WHAT?" roared a Captain of Detectives.

"Feather Heather," stuttered Mike. "It's a perfume . . . I mean a perfume for men . . . I mean."

Mike really had them in the aisles, now. "Look,"

he mumbled self-consciously. "It's a shaving lotion . . . an expensive one. I use it myself . . . that is, I smell it, sort of . . ."

The Captain of Detectives said something about a concussion and getting the poor old buzzard to a hospital.

"Feather Heather's expensive and exclusive," screamed Mike. "There's only one place in town sells it, and at the price they charge, I'll bet they don't sell much of it!"



At last Mike's message penetrated. Two men were dispatched, with an armful of rogues' gallery photographs, to the specialty shop which carried Feather Heather. Sure enough, not many bottles had been sold. Yes, the clerk had sold a bottle to one of the men in these photographs. This one here. It had been delivered and he had the—ah—gentleman's address on file.



The Feather Heather purchaser was at home with a group of his gentlemen friends when the police broke in. No guns were drawn, as the bandits had their hands full of currency, which they were dividing.

Mike was a hero for a few days, and was quietly given a handsome reward by his employers. He enjoys telling Kitty that he can't ever use the Feather Heather now, because he associates it with crime and rascality.



And best of all, when he settles down of an evening for a good read, he feels now that he mixes with Lord Peter and Hercule not as a worshipper, but as an equal, and a somewhat critical equal, at that.

THE END



# ELLERY in QUEEN

# The CHAIN-LETTER MURDERS

YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR ME?

YES—DEATH!!

**T**HE CHAIN-LETTER PRACTICE IS FROWNED UPON BY THE LAW. THIS MINOR RACKET, HOWEVER, GROWS INTO A FRIGHTFUL MENACE WHEN THE ELEMENT OF VIOLENT DEATH IS ADDED. ELLERY QUEEN HAS TO CALL UPON EVERY OUNCE OF HIS DEDUCTIVE POWERS TO SOLVE...

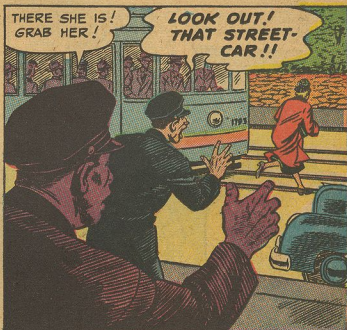
**"THE CHAIN-LETTER MURDERS!"**





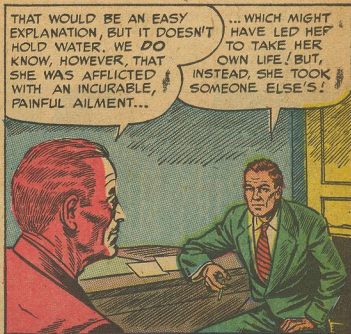
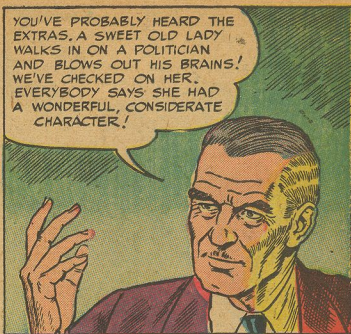








THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR QUEEN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



MEANWHILE, THE HOTEL CLARION...

I KNEW YOU'D DO IT, TOMMY-BOY! I KNEW YOU'D WIN TH' TITLE!

IT WAS EASY, MAXIE. I JUST FOLLOWED YOUR STRATEGY, LIKE YA TOLE ME!



WOT AN UPSET! BET TH' GAMBLERS ARE PLENTY SORE! I DIDN'T WANT NO PART O' THEIR BRIBE OFFERS TO TAKE A FALL!

ESPECIALLY SOLLY YOGURK! HE MUSTA LOST QUITE A BUNDLE!

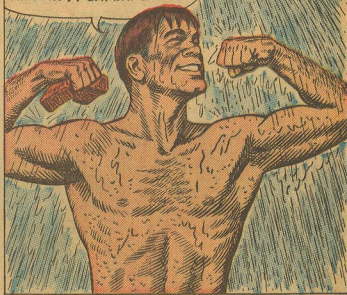


BUT HE WOULDN'T DARE TA TRY T' GIT EVEN. THE COPS WOULD JUMP ON HIM, LIKE A HIVE O' BEES!

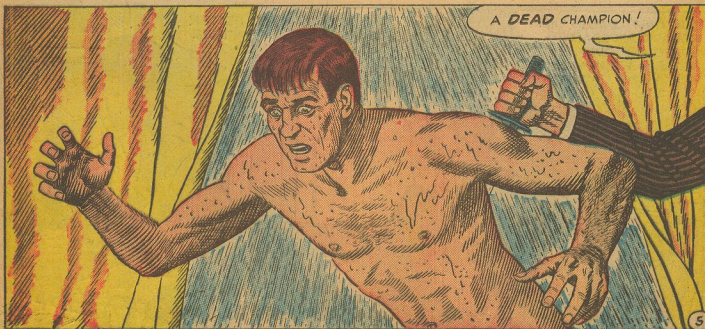
WHO'S WORRIED? RUN ALONG, MAXIE. I'M GONNA TAKE A SHOWER AN' CATCH ME SOME SHUT-EYE.



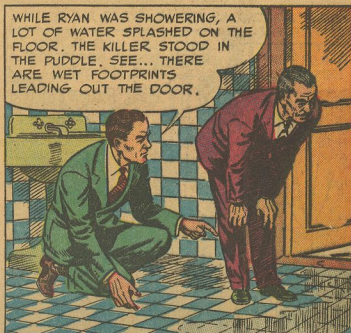
IMAGINE! ME - TOMMY RYAN ... A CHAMPEEN!



A DEAD CHAMPION!









**ELLERY AND THE INSPECTOR ENTER THE ROOM... TO OBSERVE...**





THOSE WET FOOTPRINTS LED TO THIS ROOM, RIGHT? AND HE ADMITS HE LEFT THE IRON-LUNG...



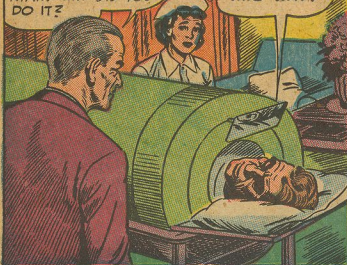
THEN, THERE'S THAT SMASHED WINDOW. IT COULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN BY THE MURDERER AFTER THE CRIME... IF HE WERE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF FRESH OXYGEN...

... ESPECIALLY, IF HE ORDINARILY NEEDED THE AID OF AN IRON-LUNG FOR SUFFICIENT OXYGEN!



ENRIGHT, I'M GOING TO ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF TOMMY RYAN! WHY DID YOU DO IT?

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, EXCEPT **IT'S BETTER THIS WAY!**



**IT'S BETTER THIS WAY!** THE SWEET OLD LADY WHO MURDERED ANDERSON MADE THAT VERY SAME REMARK! TWO APPARENTLY MOTIVELESS MURDERS! DO YOU THINK THERE COULD BE A CONNECTION, DAD?

I DON'T KNOW, ELLERY. BUT I AIM TO FIND OUT!



CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING THAT WOULD HELP US?

NOTHING... EXCEPT HE WAS DISTURBED AFTER RECEIVING THAT LETTER.

LET'S SEE IT!



NO RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE... AND NOTHING BUT A LIST OF NAMES IN THE LETTER. WAIT! THE TOP NAME IS **TOMMY RYAN, THE MURDERED MAN!**

QUICK, DAD! WHAT'S THE NEXT NAME ON THE LIST?



ROBERT DOWLING. INFORMATION? LET ME HAVE THE PHONE NUMBER OF ROBERT DOWLING. THIS IS URGENT!



WE HAVE A LISTING FOR A ROBERT DOWLING... AT 21 DORSEY AVENUE... BUT HIS PHONE HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED.



WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, ELLERY?

DOWLING'S HOME! YOU CAN STAY HERE AND ATTEND TO ENRIGHT'S ARREST. I'LL PHONE YOU AT HEADQUARTERS.



LATER, IN A RUNDOWN NEIGHBORHOOD...

MY HUSBAND ISN'T HOME AT PRESENT.

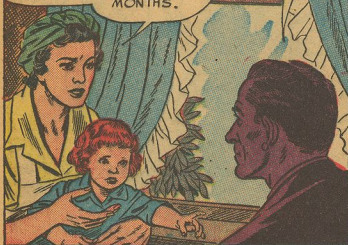
YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND HIM, MRS. DOWLING! I'M ELLERY QUEEN. IT MAY BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH — **HIS DEATH!**





BOB... IN DANGER? BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE'S JUST HAD THE MOST WONDERFUL LUCK—A GOOD JOB AFTER HAVING BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR MONTHS.

WHAT ABOUT THIS JOB? AND WHERE IS HE **NOW**?



MR. BROMLEY, OWNER OF THE BROMLEY STEEL CORPORATION, HAS HIRED MY HUSBAND TO BE HIS ASSISTANT... A MARVELOUS OPPORTUNITY!

HE'S SHOWING BOB THROUGH THE STEEL PLANT RIGHT NOW!

PHONE INSPECTOR QUEEN... TELL HIM I'LL BE AT THE BROMLEY MILL!



SOON...

WELL, HOW DOES THE PLANT IMPRESS YOU, DOWLING?

IT'S--AWSOME, MR. BROMLEY! THAT VAT OF MOLTEN STEEL IS TERRIFYING... BUT FASCINATING. IF A MAN EVER FELL INTO IT, HE'D PERISH INSTANTLY!



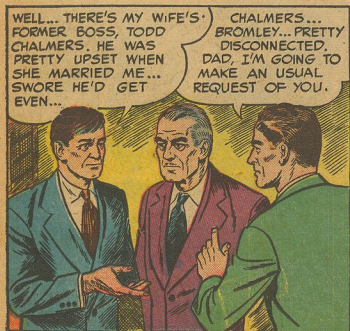
M-MR. BROMLEY! WHAT—?



STOP! STOP!! YOU'RE PUSHING ME OVER—I'LL FALL INTO THE VAT! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? STOP!!!



BUT BEFORE BROMLEY CAN ACCOMPLISH HIS FIENDISH DESIGN... ELLERY ARRIVES...





THAT EVENING...

BERTHA...AS SOON AS I HEARD OF BOB'S UNFORTUNATE DEATH, I HURRIED RIGHT OVER! I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT DESPITE ALL THAT'S HAPPENED, I'LL TAKE YOU BACK.

IT'S --IT'S NICE OF YOU TO SAY THAT, TODD, BUT I'LL NEED TIME... TO GET OVER THE SHOCK OF BOB'S DEATH. THEN — PERHAPS...



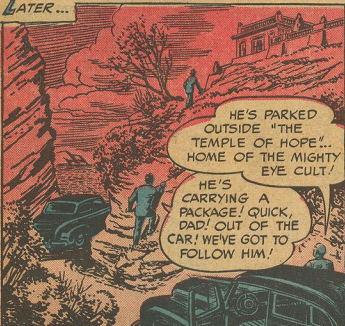
AND AS CHALMERS LEAVES...

NICE WORK, MRS. DOWLING. YOU CAN PHONE YOUR HUSBAND IT'S ALL RIGHT TO COME HOME NOW.

YOU'LL HAVE TO HURRY IF YOU WANT TO TRAIL MR. CHALMER'S CAR!



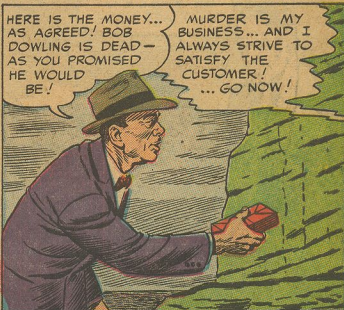
LATER...



HE'S PARKED OUTSIDE "THE TEMPLE OF HOPE"... HOME OF THE MIGHTY EYE CULT!

HE'S CARRYING A PACKAGE! QUICK, DAD! OUT OF THE CAR! WE'VE GOT TO FOLLOW HIM!

SHORTLY — ATOP A PRECIPITOUS CLIFF...



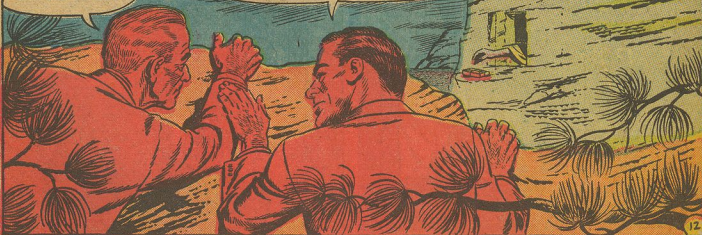
HERE IS THE MONEY... AS AGREED! BOB DOWLING IS DEAD — AS YOU PROMISED HE WOULD BE!

MURDER IS MY BUSINESS... AND I ALWAYS STRIVE TO SATISFY THE CUSTOMER! ... GO NOW!

AND, AS CHALMERS DEPARTS...

LOOK, ELLERY — BLACK-GLOVED HANDS REACHING FOR THE PACKAGE, OUT OF AN OPENING IN THE TEMPLE WALL!

I THINK I'M ONTO THE SET-UP. REMAIN RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, DAD... AND DON'T BE SURPRISED AT ANYTHING I SAY OR DO!



ELLERY CHARGES TO THE CLIFF'S  
EDGE, APPARENTLY SUICIDE-MINDED.



I DON'T  
WANT TO  
LIVE... I  
WANT TO  
DIE!



N-NO! I C-CAN'T GO  
THROUGH WITH IT...  
I HAVEN'T THE  
NERVE!

LET ME  
HELP YOU!



WH-WHO... WH-  
WHAT ARE YOU?

THAT NEED NOT  
CONCERN YOU. WHAT  
IS IMPORTANT TO  
YOU IS **THIS**...



THERE ARE OTHERS  
LIKE YOU, WHO FOR  
PERSONAL REASONS  
WANT TO DIE, BUT ARE  
AFRAID TO KILL THEM-  
SELVES. AND SO THEY  
JOIN THE "LEGION OF  
THE DAMNED." WHEN  
THEY RECEIVE A LIST  
OF THOSE SCHEDULED  
TO DIE, THEY MUST  
KILL THE TOP NAME  
ON THE LIST! AND,  
IN TIME...

AS HE PUSHES AGAINST THE TEMPLE-WALL, ELLERY  
CAUSES A SMALL PANEL TO OPEN...



...DEATH COMES SWIFTLY  
WITHOUT WARNING, TO  
THEMSELVES, TOO...



**AWK!**

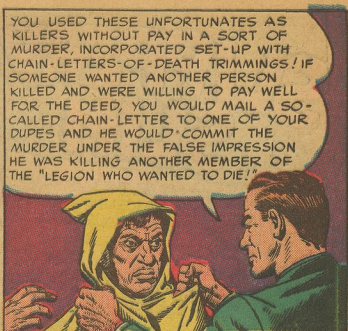
THE MIGHTY EYE -  
IN PERSON... BROADCAST  
EQUIPMENT, AND ALL!



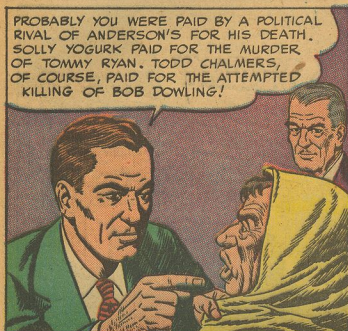


YOU RAT! WATCHING THE PARADE OF WOULD-BE SUICIDES WHO CAME TO YOU FOR HELP, YOU DECIDED TO CASH IN ON THEIR MISERY!

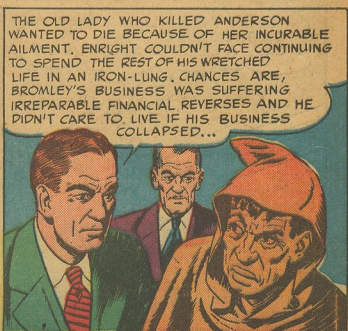
NO!



YOU USED THESE UNFORTUNATES AS KILLERS WITHOUT PAY IN A SORT OF MURDER, INCORPORATED SET-UP WITH CHAIN-LETTERS-OF-DEATH TRIMMINGS! IF SOMEONE WANTED ANOTHER PERSON KILLED AND WERE WILLING TO PAY WELL FOR THE DEED, YOU WOULD MAIL A SO-CALLED CHAIN-LETTER TO ONE OF YOUR DUPES AND HE WOULD COMMIT THE MURDER UNDER THE FALSE IMPRESSION HE WAS KILLING ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE "LEGION WHO WANTED TO DIE!"



PROBABLY YOU WERE PAID BY A POLITICAL RIVAL OF ANDERSON'S FOR HIS DEATH. SOLLY YOGURK PAID FOR THE MURDER OF TOMMY RYAN. TODD CHALMERS, OF COURSE, PAID FOR THE ATTEMPTED KILLING OF BOB DOWLING!



THE OLD LADY WHO KILLED ANDERSON WANTED TO DIE BECAUSE OF HER INCURABLE AILMENT. ENRIGHT COULDN'T FACE CONTINUING TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS WRETCHED LIFE IN AN IRON-LUNG. CHANCES ARE, BROMLEY'S BUSINESS WAS SUFFERING IRREPARABLE FINANCIAL REVERSES AND HE DIDN'T CARE TO LIVE IF HIS BUSINESS COLLAPSED...



IT'S TRUE, ALL OF IT! BUT YOU'LL NEVER PROSECUTE ME! I'LL KILL MYSELF!

NO, YOU WON'T!



YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES IN A COURT OF JUSTICE!

GOOD WORK, ELLERY!

THE END

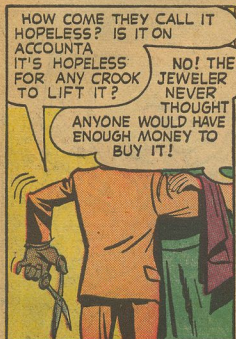
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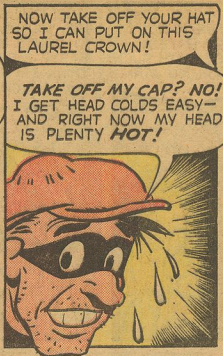
SLIPPERY SLIM, THE OUT-OF-LINE MAN IN THE POLICE LINE-UP MIXES BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE WHEN HE ATTENDS A MASQUERADE PARTY, AND TRIES TO MAKE A DOOR PRIZE OUT OF THE PRICELESS "HOPELESS DIAMOND!"

YUP! THIS IS THE JOINT! THE PAPERS SAID MRS. FULLVALT WOULD BE WEARIN' HER HOPELESS DIAMOND NECKLACE AT HER MASQUERADE SHINDIG! DIDN'T GET NO INVITE, BUT I'M GOIN' ANYWAY!

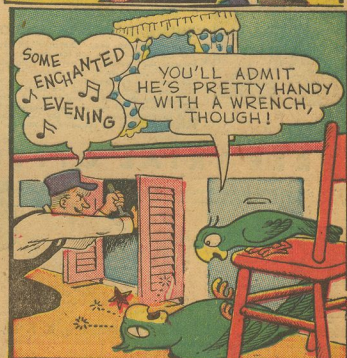
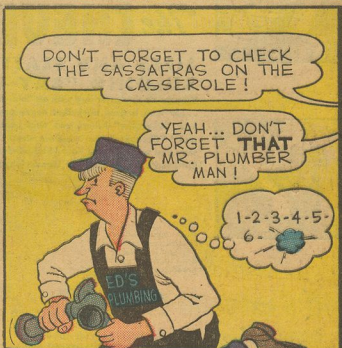
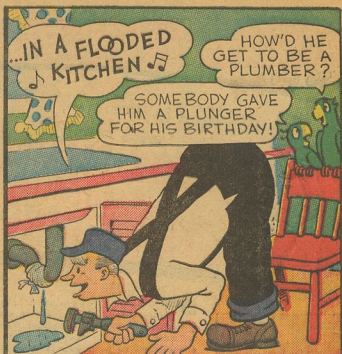




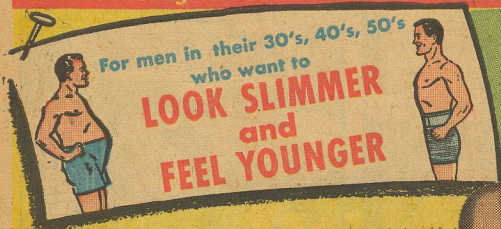








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**DO YOU ENVY MEN**  
who can  
**"KEEP ON THEIR FEET"?**

and then he got a  
**"CHEVALIER"...**



**YOU NEED A  
"CHEVALIER"!**

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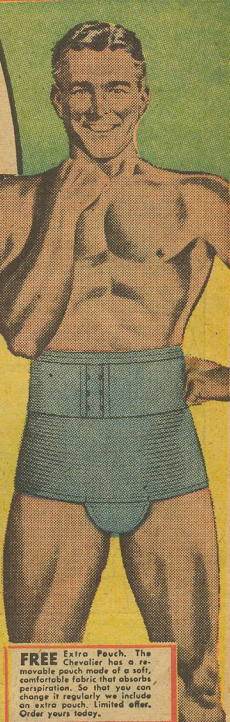
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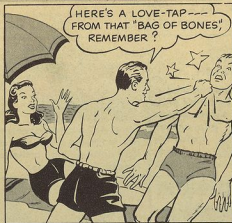
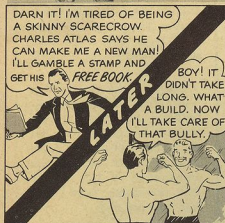
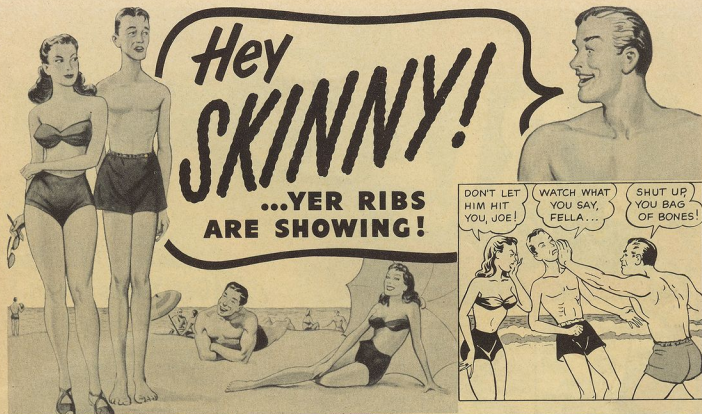
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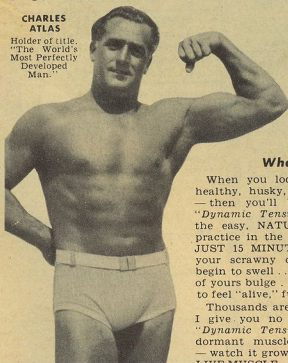
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